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FROM RSO

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

REF: VICTORIA 465

1. DURING TRANSIT STOP IN VICTORIA, RSO WAS REQUESTED
BY PSO WYNN TO SUPPLY RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ACTION TO BE
TAKEN IN EVENT OF COUNTER-COUP. THE FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL
GUIDELINES THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO INSURE PERSONAL
SECURITY:

A. LIMIT MOVEMENT TO GREATEST EXTEND POSSIBLE. TO
AID IN THIS, A ONE-WEEK SUPPLY OF FOOD SHOULD BE STORED
AT RESIDENCES. A SUPPLY OF FRESH BATTERIES FOR AM RADIOS
AND FLASHLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO BE STOCKED.

B. THE ISSUANCE OF WEAPONS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION
SHOULD BE AVOIDED. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT A GENERAL BREAK-
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DOWN OF PUBLIC ORDER WOULD OCCUR FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER,
EMBOFF DISCOVERED WITH CONCEALED WEAPONS COULD RESULT IN
CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT. BRANDISING A REVOLVER WOULD
CERTAINLY NOT BE AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT AGAINST WELL-
ARMED PERSONNEL. CHEMICAL MACE ON HAND COULD BE KEPT IN
THE RESIDENCES FOR USE AGAINST INTRUDERS. WE DO HOWEVER
RECOMMEND THAT CONFRONTATION BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS.

C. IT SHOULD BE EXPECTED THAT TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH AND ELECTRIC POWER WOULD BE CUT. THIS EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATES OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS FROM EMBASSY OFFICE BUILDING WHICH WOULD ADDITIONALLY BE IN AN EXPOSED AND DANGEROUS AREA. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT MONITORING OF EVENTS AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE EFFECTED FROM THE TRACKING STATION WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO OPERATE THROUGH SATELLITE ON STATION POWER AND OFFER MUCH GREATER PERSONAL SECURITY.

D. IT EXPECTED THAT NEITHER ADMIN OFFICER WYNN NOR SECRETARY PAVLIC WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THEIR RESIDENCES DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. SEPARATE SUBJECT. REFTEL ADVISED OF CONCERN REGARDING SENSITIVE TRAFFIC BEING HANDLED BY USAF CONTRACT PERSONNEL. HAVE ALSO IN THE PAST TWO DAYS RECEIVED NON-SPECIFIC VERBAL CONFIRMATION REGARDING PURPORTED "LEAKS" BY STATION COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL. THIS IS CONSIDERED A SERIOUS MATTER COMPOUNDED BY THE POLITICAL SITUATION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU INFORM THIS OFFICE OF ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING INSTANCES OF THIS TYPE WHICH WILL BE REFERRED TO THE USAF FOR ACTION. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO ADVISE THE STATION C.O. OF THIS PROBLEM. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ENCRYPTION OR DECRYPTION OF SPECIAL
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